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Elimination of NIS on fuels, minerals, and metals, would result in a serious loss in NIS coverage of these highly strategic topics which are of major national security interest for a minimum of 25 foreign countries. Detailed routinely-maintained information on petroleum is not otherwise covered in publications available to the intelligence community. Statistics on minerals and metals, however, would presumably continue to be available in the Minerals Yearbook published by the same staff. Further, DIA as a contributor of the construction materials portion would be vitally concerned in any prospective cutback of coverage.

QUALITY:

Contributions from Interior have generally been satisfactory from the standpoint of accuracy and presentation, but adherence to schedules has been irregular.